GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2633
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
POLICY ON REHABILITATION OF WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any stated policy for rehabilitation of widows and wards of defence personnel dying in harness, war or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time schedule worked out for completion of formalities and release of benefits; and

(d) number of such dependants given jobs during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2633 FO 8.8.2001.

The Government is having various welfare schemes for the resettlement of ex-Servicemen including widows of Defence Services personnel dying in harness, war or military operations. Most of the widows/dependants of deceased Defence Services personnel reside in States. Such persons prefer to have jobs near their native place, which can be provided by respective State Governments.

The Department of Personnel and Training have also issued instructions for providing compassionate appointments to the dependants of the Government servants dying in harness. Such appointments can be made up to 5% of vacancies falling under direct recruitment quota in any Group 'C' and 'D' posts. Under the same provision, widows/dependants of Defence service personnel dying in harness are also considered for appointment on compassionate grounds against vacancies in civilian Group 'C' and 'D' posts of Service Headquarters.

Two members of the family of a Defence Service personnel, whose death is attributable to military service, are eligible on Priority IIA for employment against Group 'C' and 'D' post, for which recruitment is made by the Directorate General of Employment and Training.

Employment on compassionate grounds and under Priority IIAScheme of the Ministry of Labour are made asand when vacancies are available. The information regarding employment provided to widows/dependants is not centrally monitored.

Widows of Defence Service personnel, whose death is attributable to military service, are also eligible for allotment of Oil Product Agencies under 'Defence quota'.

Widows in penury are given financial assistance of Rs. 1,000/- per month for two years from Raksha Mantri Discretionary Fund.